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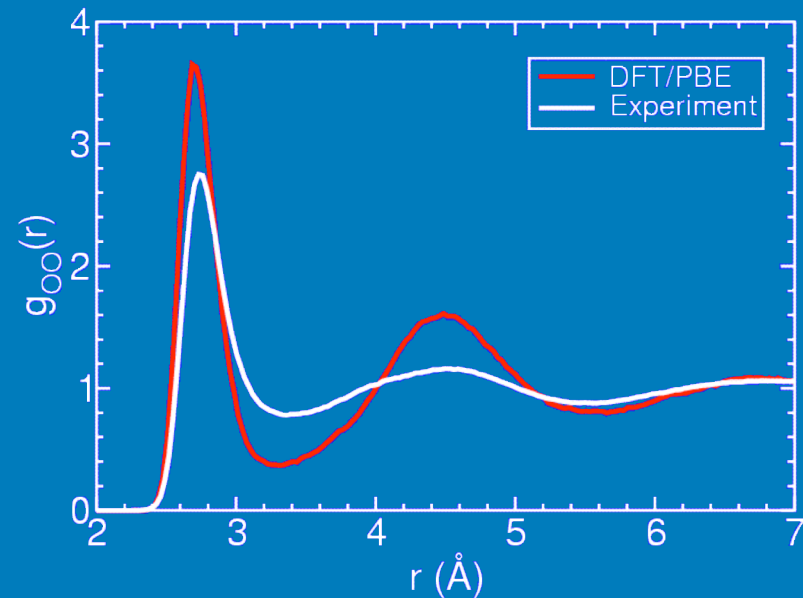
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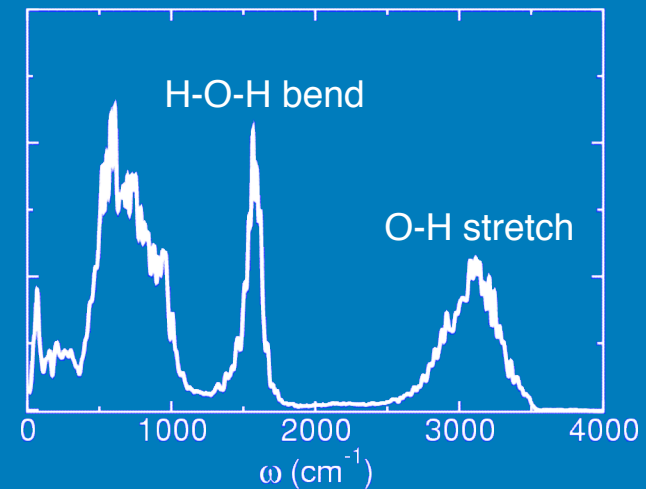
What's wrong with DFT/GGA water?

- Well converged DFT/GGA simulations of water at 300 K are severely over-structured
- Diffusion is too slow by at least a factor of ten
- Possible reasons:
 - Importance of quantum effects
 - Inaccuracies in DFT/GGA functionals



How important are quantum effects in water?

- O-H stretch and H-O-H bend are in the range of 1000 to 3500 cm^{-1}
- At a temperature of 300 K
 $k_B T \sim 300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



$$k_B T \ll h/2\pi\hbar$$

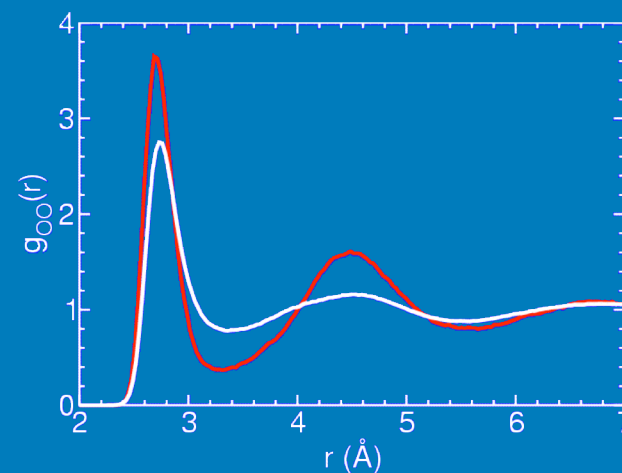
- Intramolecular vibrations are highly quantum mechanical
- At $T=300\text{K}$, only the ground state will be populated
- Quantum and classical models will have very different energy distributions

Quantum effects can be accounted for with path integral methods

- Path integral sampling of water with empirical potentials:
 - **ST2**: JCP **82**, 5164 (1985)
 - **SPC/F**: JCP **106**, 2400 (1997)
 - **TIP4F, TIP5P**: JCP **115**, 10758 (2001)
 - **MCDHO**: JCP **115**, 7622 (2001)
- All empirical simulations have found quantum effects **decrease** the structure of water
- Appears to be similar to an increase in the classical simulation temperature
 - Often cited as being approximately equivalent to a 50° increase in simulation temperature

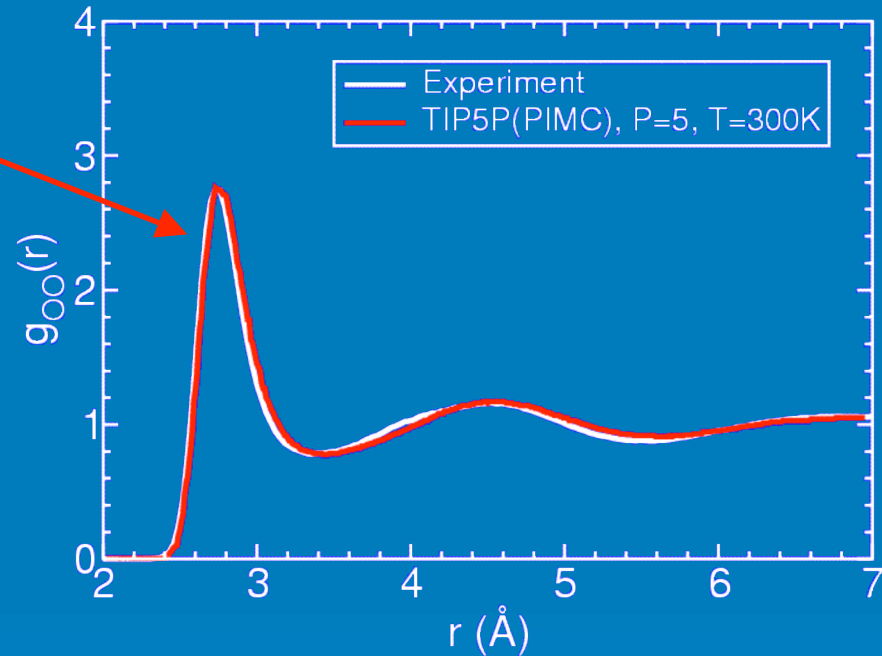
Can quantum effects account for all of the overstructure?

- The amount of softening is different for each potential
- Consistent comparisons are difficult
 - Most empirical potentials already include quantum effects implicitly through parameterization
- Some notable exceptions:
 - TIP5P(PIMC) potential was parameterized to reproduce experimental data when used *with* path integral sampling



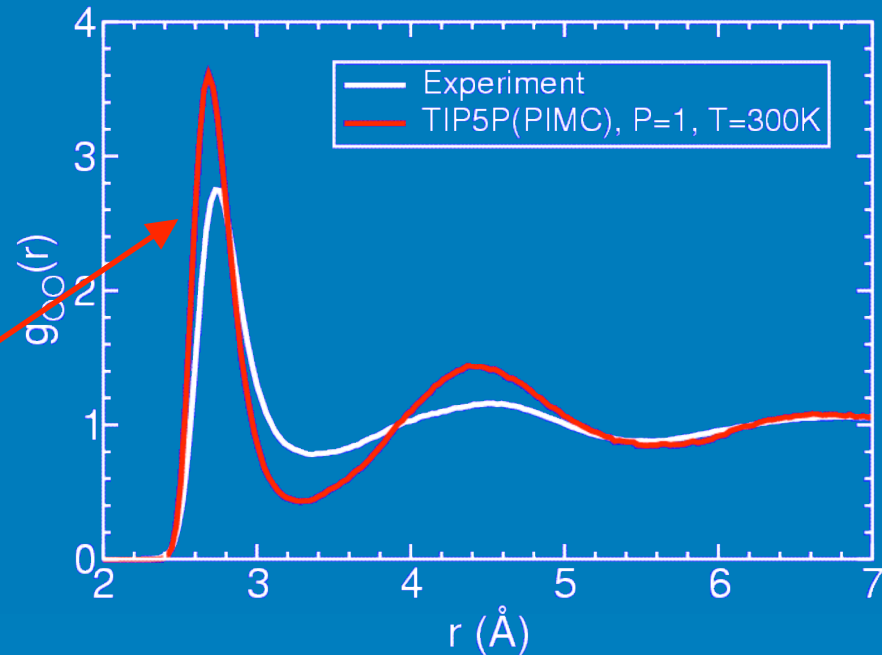
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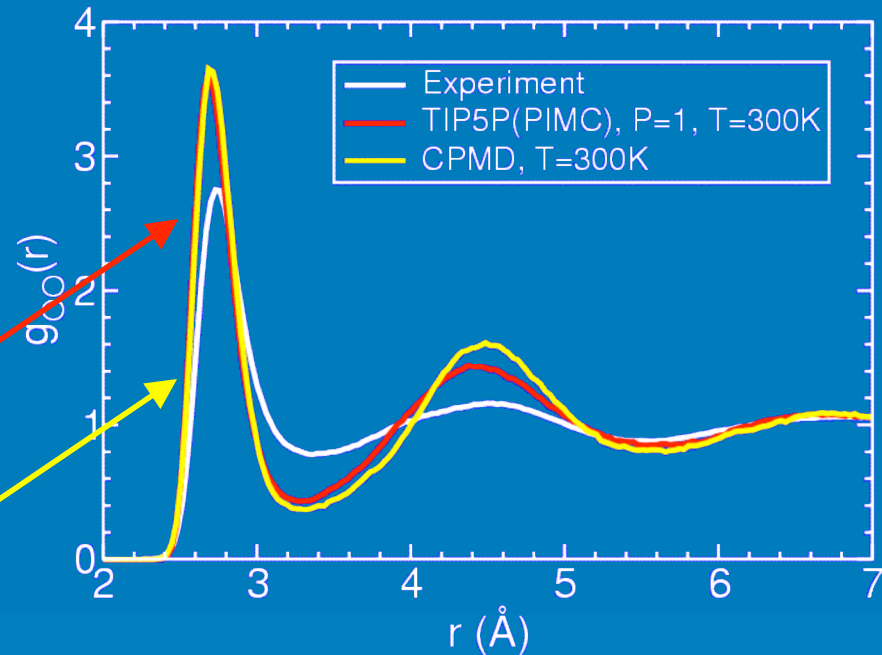
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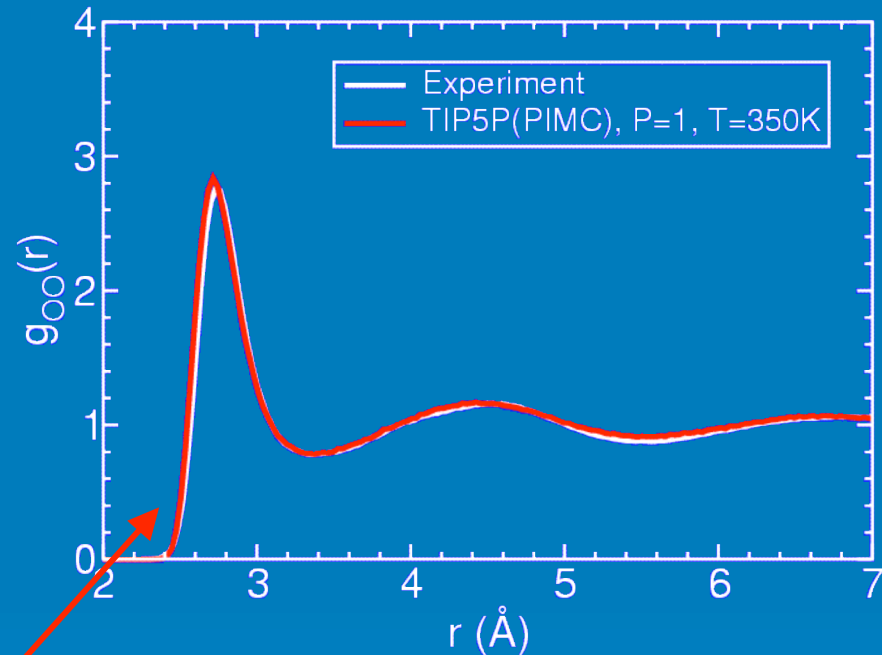
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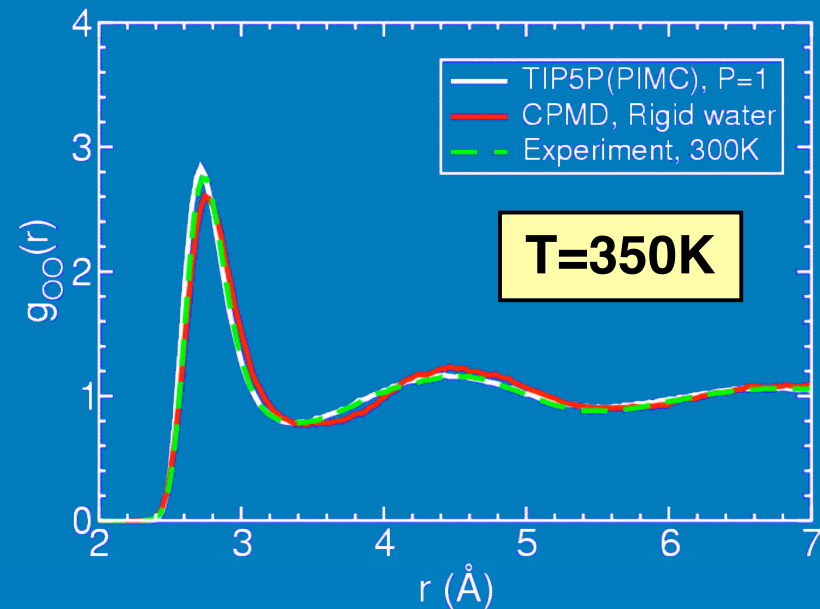
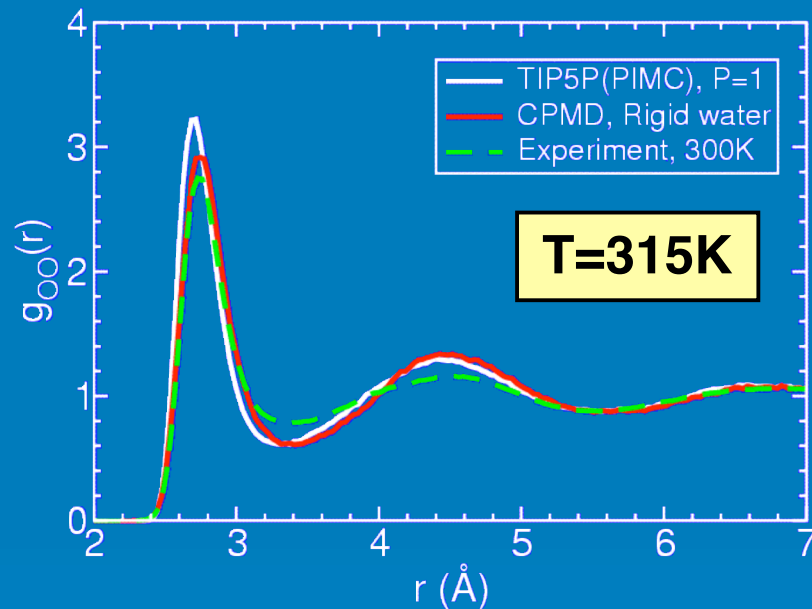
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- TIP5P(PIMC) without PI sampling at 350K restores agreement with experiment



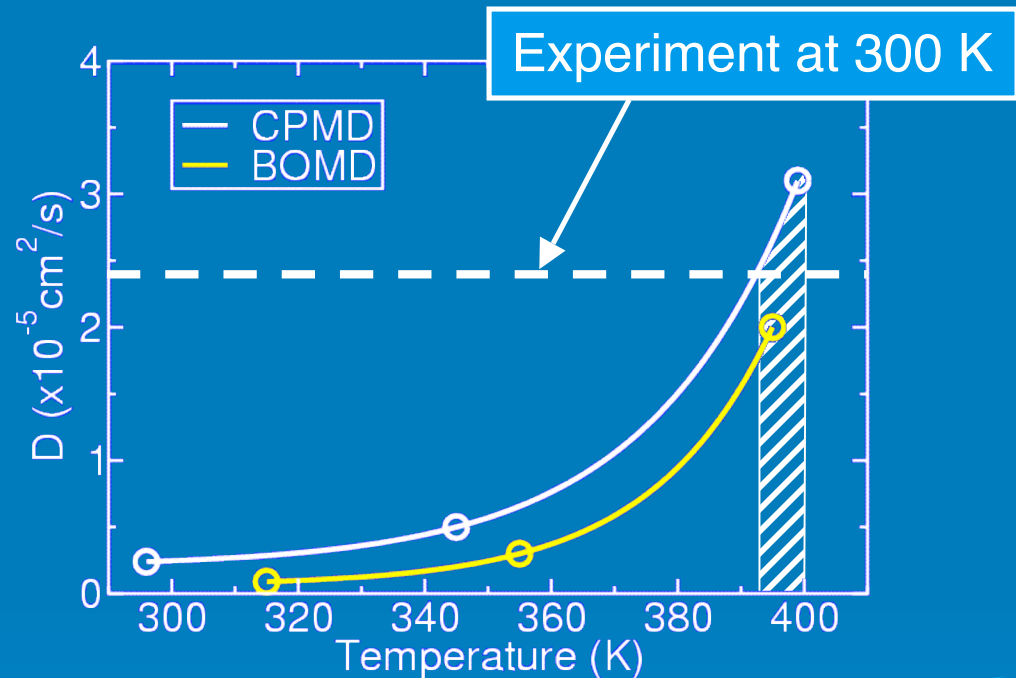
DFT/PBE rigid water as a function of T



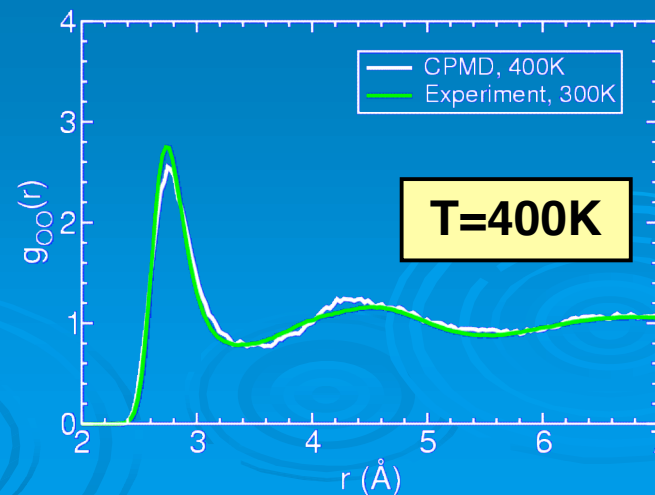
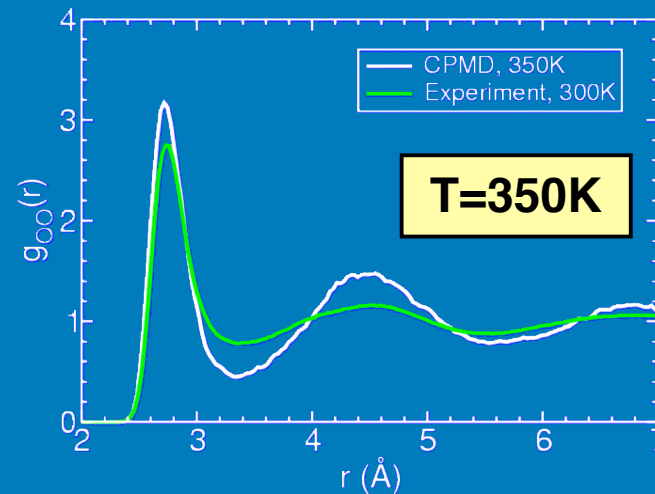
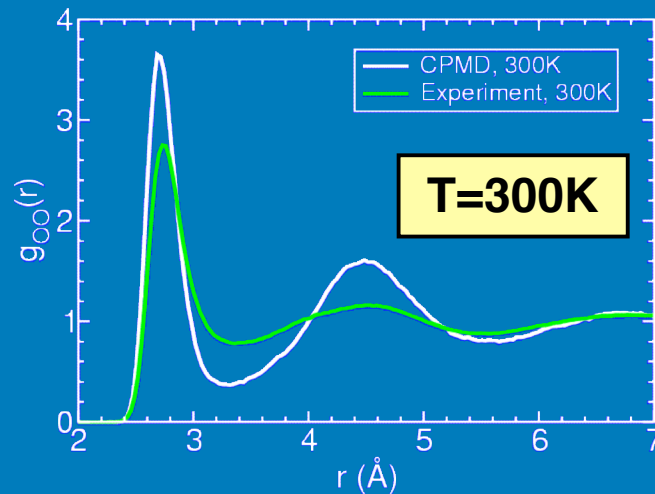
- The rigid water model within DFT/PBE is very similar to TIP5P(PIMC), P=1
- At 350 K, DFT/PBE rigid water is in good agreement with experiment

DFT/PBE flexible water as a function of T

- Diffusion coefficients for DFT/PBE flexible water increase slowly with temperature
- $T = 390$ to 400 K needed to approach the 300 K experimental diffusion
- Preliminary results indicate small differences between CPMD and BOMD diffusion

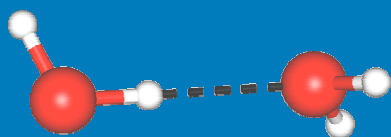


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- DFT/PBE flexible water approaches experiment as temperature is increased to $\sim 400\text{K}$

A variety of DFT/GGA functionals work well for the water dimer



	r_{OO} (Å)	D_e (kcal/mol)	Δ_{iso} (Å ³)	
PBE	2.90	-5.11	1.59	GGA
BLYP	2.95	-4.18	1.58	
PBE1	2.90	-4.98	1.41	Hybrid
B3LYP	2.93	-4.57	1.45	
Exp.	2.95	-5.44	1.43	

- Geometry and binding energy are accurately reproduced within DFT/GGA
- Moderate improvement in polarizability when going from simple GGAs to hybrid functionals that include Hartree-Fock exchange

Conclusions

- Overstructure and slow diffusion in DFT/GGA water may be related to:
 - Tendency of the GGA to overestimate polarizabilities
 - Neglect of quantum effects
- In the immediate future:
 - DFT/GGA simulations of water should be performed at elevated temperatures
- In the long term:
 - Hybrid functionals should be considered
 - Convergence of path integral sampling with DFT needs to be fully explored

Simulation Details

- Norm-conserving pseudopotentials
- Plane wave basis truncated at 85 Ryd.
- Car-Parrinello simulations:
 - 54 water molecules
 - fictitious mass of 340 au
 - Time step of 0.07 fs
- Born-Oppenheimer simulations:
 - 64 water molecules
 - 12 electronic iterations per step
 - Time step of 0.24 fs